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FROM: Rick Beasley, Director

DATE: July 9, 2004

SUBJECT: Nomination Solicitations for Awards to Recognize Outstanding
Accomplishments in Missouri's Workforce Development System

The Missouri Training and Employment Council's (MTEC) Program Coordination Committee is requesting nominations to recognize outstanding accomplishments in Missouri's Workforce Development System for Program Year 2003 (July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004). Winners will be recognized at the 22nd Annual Governor's Workforce Development Conference held at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri, on October 6-8, 2004.

This memo contains specific nomination criteria, nomination forms, and submission information that must be used to submit your nominations. In keeping with this year's conference theme "**Economic Development, Employment and Education: Missouri's Strategic Solutions for the 21st Century**" the award categories are as follows:

◆ Workforce Excellence Awards

Excellence in Leadership in Economic Development
Excellence in Innovation in Economic Development

Excellence in Leadership in Employment
Excellence in Innovation in Employment

Excellence in Leadership in Education
Excellence in Innovation in Education

The Workforce Excellence Awards will recognize excellence in economic development, employment, and education in Missouri's Workforce Development System. These awards will be presented at the conference luncheon on October 7, 2004.

◆ **Harlan “Mac” McGinnis Workforce Professional Award**

The Harlan “Mac” McGinnis Workforce Professional Award is a new award this year created in his memory. The late Mac McGinnis was an individual that made significant contributions to the workforce profession, and he will be honored at the conference opening session on October 6, 2004.

◆ **Individual Achievement Awards** (formerly the Alumni Awards)

The Individual Achievement Awards, formerly known as the alumni awards, will honor 14 regional winners who have made significant strides to improve their life situation. One of these 14 regional winners will be selected as the Statewide Individual Achievement Winner of the Year. These winners will be recognized at the conference opening session on October 6, 2004.

Nominations in all categories may be for individuals, businesses, programs, or groups and should be solicited from all partners within the Missouri Career Center system. Multiple nominations from agencies and regions are welcomed in all categories except the Individual Achievement Award category where one per region will be accepted.

The local Workforce Investment Board (WIB) or their designee must review all their region’s nominations, as well as, sign each nomination form. MTEC reserves the right to modify the nomination procedure as needed to ensure a successful awards process. The MTEC Program Coordination Committee will select winners from all the nominations submitted.

The Division of Workforce Development (DWD) must receive all nominations by 5:00 P.M. on July 30, 2004. Emailed and faxed copies will be accepted provided that the original nomination form with appropriate signatures is submitted. Nomination forms should be sent to:

DeeDee Pippin-Hake
Division of Workforce Development, Field Services Section
P O Box 1087
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1087
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This is your opportunity to recognize outstanding businesses, partnerships, services, staff, and customers that help make your region one that you are proud of. Please take the time to share your successes with others.

Read the awards criteria carefully to ensure that all the required information and signatures are included. Should you have any questions, please contact DeeDee Pippin-Hake, Field Services, at (573) 751-3346 or Melissa Woltkamp, Manager of Field Services at (573) 526-8241.

Attachment

c: MTEC Program Coordination Committee
DWD Administrative Group
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